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Informed U. S. military officers describe as "pure fabrication" news reports saying that Russians in Cuba are taking out their good antiaircraft missiles. These same sources say that, in spite of talk about Russian troops leaving Cuba, many more remain than the stories suggest.

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The Johnson Administration regards Cuba's Castro as a "bloodthirsty tyrant," and doubts that the Hemisphere can relax as long as he is in command. The conclusion is that Castro never will be content to remain cooped up on his island.

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President Johnson is becoming restive over war in South Vietnam, where fighting drags on, with U. S. losing while Communist forces enjoy a safe haven for training and supply of their guerrilla forces.

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The President is sensitive to suggestions that he lacks the understanding of foreign affairs that John Kennedy possessed. Mr. Johnson's friends point out that it was the new President who appointed Mr. Kennedy to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and that LBJ has always followed foreign affairs closely.

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J. William Fulbright, Arkansas Senator and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is among those being groomed by President Johnson to be Secretary of State in a new Cabinet that will be constructed if the President wins the November election.

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Secretary of State Dean Rusk is letting the French and British Foreign Ministers know that the U. S. regards "aid to Cuba" as a bigger threat to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization than De Gaulle's protests about U. S. domination of NATO. Britain and France are doing business with Cuba on credit. U. S. diplomats say that amounts to "aid" because Castro is a bad credit risk.

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Robert Anderson, Secretary of the Treasury during the Eisenhower Administration, a close personal friend of Lyndon Johnson and newly appointed as Special Ambassador to negotiate with Panama, is in line for a Cabinet post after next January.

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President Johnson is described as "annoyed" by the way Great Britain looks to U. S. for help, with its little wars around the world, while refusing to co-operate when U. S. asks it merely to shut off sale of British products to Castro that help that Communist dictator maintain his hold in this Hemisphere.